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## Fairhaven High School graduates 134



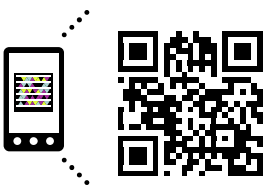
Cousins and friends hold up their diplomas for friends, family, and the local free sheet to take pictures after the Fairhaven High School Graduation ceremony on 5/31/26 held outside in alumni stadium under sunny skies. See page 16 for story. *Photo by Beth David.*

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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

Oh boyohboyohboy! The Big Buffoon appointed the housing guy to be Director of National Intelligence. Yeah, that guy, the one who wants to make Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac private.

Oh...I feel so safe, don't you?

Meanwhile, the kids graduation from High School (see page 16), with all the promise of a bright future.

The speeches gave some good advice, kids, but I'm going to add one more thing: Don't be that guy...the housing guy playing spy...be what Kulak said you should be. You are the future of America, and the sooner you grow up, the better off we'll be (I hope).

Oh, and one more thing, as you go off into the world on your own: Choose your friends well. The company you keep says a lot more about you than you think.

Choose friends who will stick by you, but will try to stop you if you're getting in trouble.

Not like those idiots who broke into the school just to scratch up the wood (see page 23).

The names haven't been released yet, but we mostly know who they are. And, the seniors were not allowed to walk on Sunday. They were not able to enjoy that beautiful day in the sun. And, it's only going to get worse. Such foolishness. The thought of our country being in the hands of THOSE guys (and gals) is not comforting at all.

Fairhaven's election is Tuesday (see page 3).

Elections have consequences so get out there and vote. I was reminded this week about a couple of elections that were tie votes and we had to go to court. Let's not let that happen, okay? Get out there and vote. I'm not endorsing, and I'm not trying to influence anyone about the override vote. But, please, if your vote is just some knee jerk reaction to never paying taxes, then, please look again. There's all kinds of information out there.

Well, we have extra pages, extra color, and some new advertisers. Please notice who they are and let them know you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*.

**VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!**

Until next week then, see ya,

*Glory to Ukraine!  
Glory to the Heroes!*



Publisher Beth David...  
VROOM VROOM!

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our story on the Acushnet Memorial Day services in last week's issue, the date was incorrect on some of the photo captions The day should have been 5/23/26.

We apologize for any confusion our error may have caused.

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# Fairhaven Election is Tuesday, 6/9

By Beth David  
Editor

Fairhaven will hold its annual election on Tuesday, 6/9/26. All elected offices will be on the ballot, including Town Meeting members by precinct. Voters will also face three ballot questions. Polls are open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. All precincts vote at the Fairhaven Recreation Center, 227 Huttleston Ave. (near Stop & Shop).

If you are unable to vote on election day, you may vote in-person using an absentee ballot in the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours. Town Hall is open from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday; 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday; 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Friday.

For more information, call the Town Clerk's office, 508-979-4023. Sample ballots and other information are available on the Town Clerk's page on the town's website: <https://fairhaven-ma.gov/elections-and-voting/>

For Select Board, three candidates are vying for two three-year seats: Miles F. Grant, Pamela Rogers Kuechler, Richard Francis Trapilo.

For Planning Board, three candi-

dates are vying for two three-year seats: Kevin D. Grant (incumbent), Sharon Marie Simmons Clancy (incumbent), Mona Freedman Phillips.

The Planning Board also has an unexpired term on the ballot, with two years left to serve. Two candidates are vying for that seat: Jennifer Isabel Cardoza and Andrew C. Panek.

The rest of the offices have no contested seats. School Committee has two candidates for two three-year seats: Erik W. Baumann and Donna LS McKenna. School Committee also has an unexpired term with one year left to serve. Michael Justin Sherman is the only candidate for that seat.

The Board of Public Works has two seats and two candidates for three-year terms: Brian Russell Wotton (incumbent) and Marcus David Ferro.

Board of Health has one three-year seat on the ballot with incumbent Justine Frezza running for re-election; Commissioner of Trust Funds has one three-year seat with incumbent Louise M. Ponte running for re-election; Housing Authority has one five-year seat on the ballot, with newcomer Jacob Tyler Galary on the

ballot.

Ballot Question #1 asks voters to decide if the Fairhaven police officers and Fairhaven firefighters should be removed from Civil Service. Both unions voted to revoke Civil Service as part of contract negotiations and it passed at the annual Town Meeting in 2023. To be enacted, a town-wide vote is required.

Question #2 asks voters if the town will be allowed to assess an additional \$649,178 in property taxes. Proposition 2 1/2 limits the town's ability to raise property taxes more than 2.5% overall. A town-wide vote is required to override Prop. 2 1/2. The additional revenue would restore the Tourism Department, which would be completely eliminated otherwise; restore one of two highway department positions that have been cut; restore some overtime funding for the Fire Department; restore several teachers, programs, and give the school department enough funding to be more comfortably over Net School Spending, which is the amount required by the state.

VOTE: cont'd on page 22

**PAM**  
**Kuechler**  
**SELECT BOARD**

**Vote for Pam!**  
**Tuesday, June 9th!**

**10:00am-8:00PM - Recreation Center**

Paid for by The Committee to Elect Pam Kuechler

# A variety of scholarships awarded to local students

## Livesey Club

Livesey Club is pleased to announce the following \$1,000.00 scholarships were awarded to the following graduating Seniors;

- Katherine O'Donnell
  - Grant Darmofal
  - Margaret Martin
  - Harrison Zheng
  - Hazel Hochella
- We wish them best !

## Dollars for Scholars

On a warm evening family, friends, community partners, benefactors and guests, applauded for 25 students who were the recipients of 49 scholarships. Fairhaven Dollars for Scholars, a 100% volunteer driven chapter of Scholarship America, is a 501c3 that supports academic success in our community. Learn more at <https://fairhaven.dollarsforscholars.org>

Congratulations to all the 2026 recipients!

## SCHOLARSHIPS

- Braley Boucher, Barton B. Leach Memorial Scholarship
- Maya Schaefer, Beverly Tunstall Shavinsky Memorial Scholarship
- Maeve Bradshaw, Buzzards Bay Rowing Club Heidi Hacking Memorial Scholarship
- Braley Boucher, Carl Lee Pacheco Memorial All Sports Scholarship
- Melandia Coutinho, Carl Lee Pacheco Memorial All Sports Scholarship
- Isabella Menard, Carl Lee Pacheco Memorial All Sports Scholarship
- Meaghan Powers, Carl Lee Pacheco Memorial All Sports Scholarship
- Harrison Zheng, Carl Lee Pacheco Memorial All Sports Scholarship
- Elaine Monroe, Fairhaven Dollars for Scholars Curtis L. Lopes Memorial Scholarship

Kennedy Allain, Fairhaven Dollars for Scholars Gail Isaksen Memorial Softball Scholarship

Emma Flannery, Fairhaven Dollars for Scholars Scholarship Fund in Memory of Myra A. Lopes

Maeve Bradshaw, Fairhaven High School PTO Scholarship

Elaine Monroe, Fairhaven High School PTO Scholarship

Gabriella Olmeda, Fairhaven High School PTO Scholarship

Calista Read, Fairhaven High School PTO Scholarship

Emma Flannery, Fairhaven Improvement Association Jean Campbell Scholarship

Jessica Patenaude, Fairhaven Improvement Association Gail Isaksen Memorial Scholarship

Maeve Bradshaw, Fairhaven Road Race Scholarship/FHS

Gavin Herman, Fairhaven Road Race Scholarship/FHS

Harrison Zheng, Fairhaven Road Race Scholarship/FHS

Kyra Joseph, Fairhaven Road Race Scholarship/FHS in Memory of Allen E. Days Sr.

Braley Boucher, FDS Crimson Kids Scholarship

Alexander Hu, Fort Phoenix 5k Road Race Scholarship in Memory of Curtis L. Lopes II

Zachary Moura, Fort Phoenix Polar Plunge

Hazel Hochella, Fort Phoenix Polar Plunge II

Kennedy Allain, Fort Phoenix Polar Plunge Scholarship Honoring Firefighters and Emergency Medical Responders

Matthew Chang, Fort Phoenix Polar Plunge Scholarship Honoring Firefighters and Emergency Medical Responders

Victoria Dumas, Henry Danielli Scholarship — FHS PTO

Isabella Menard, Henry Danielli Scholarship — FHS PTO

Hazel Hochella, Kathleen M. Rocha Scholarship

Braley Boucher, Leroy L. Wood-Victoria Pilling Aguiar Scholarship

Tristan de Medeiros, Leroy L. Wood-Victoria Pilling Aguiar Scholarship

Jaevian Hernandez, Leroy L. Wood-Victoria Pilling Aguiar Scholarship

Alexander Hu, Leroy L. Wood-Victoria Pilling Aguiar Scholarship

Elaine Monroe, Leroy L. Wood-Victoria Pilling Aguiar Scholarship

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Harrison Zheng, Leroy L. Wood-Victoria Pilling Aguiar Scholarship

Dean Joseph, Linda J. Meredith Memorial Scholarship

Gabriella Olmeda, NFIA Community Service Scholarship

Calista Read, NFIA Community Service Scholarship

Calista Read, Nick Iddon Scholarship Fund

Carlee Bissonnette, Paul Powers and Kathleen Murphy MOLIFE Memorial Scholarship

Addison Ribeiro, Paul Powers and Kathleen Murphy MOLIFE Memorial Scholarship

Emma Flannery, Peter J. Muise Community Servant Leader Scholarship

Jaevian Hernandez, Peter J. Muise Community Servant Leader Scholarship

Victoria Dumas, Rob Shields Kindness Award

Alexander Hu, Rogers School Alumni Scholarship

Gavin Herman, Ronald J. Tavares Scholarship



**UU Society of Fairhaven welcomes all!**

10 a.m. June 7:  
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Grand auction, 5-8 p.m.  
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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Porch/Door Contest

Hosted by the Fairhaven Improvement Association and Fairhaven Historical Society, this community decorating contest encourages residents and businesses to celebrate America's 250th anniversary through patriotic porch and door displays throughout Fairhaven.

Three awards will be presented for outstanding residential displays.

Businesses are encouraged to participate as part of the community celebration, but are not eligible for prize awards.

Judging will take place on Monday, June 29.

Winners will be announced Friday, July 3 on the Fairhaven Improvement Association and Fairhaven Historical Society Facebook pages.

Enter at <https://tinyurl.com/nhe6xhpz> or email [fairhavenhomecoming@gmail.com](mailto:fairhavenhomecoming@gmail.com) for link.

## Plant/Yard Sale

Indoor/Outdoor Yard and Plant Sale, Saturday, June 6 from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, West Island Association Bldg, 41 Causeway Road, Fairhaven.

## Pickleball Clinics

Monday and Tuesday June 8 and 9 Beginners Clinic 12:00 AM-2:00 PM at Livesey; Monday and Tuesday June 15 and 16 5:00-7:00 PM at Livesey

If you are interested, please send a check for \$30 payable Fairhaven Pickleball Association to Dan Ferreira at 12 Grant St. Acushnet, Ma. 02743. You can also use Venmo. Fairhaven Pickleball Association, if it is your first time phone code is 7190. You can call Dan at 508-728-7190.

## UU Auction

Don't miss your opportunity to bid on exciting adventures and highly desirable goods at the grand benefit auction hosted by the Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven. The event will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. June 6, in the UUSF Church Auditorium, 102 Green St., Fairhaven

Visit [www.tinyurl.com/uusfauction](http://www.tinyurl.com/uusfauction) to view auction items and purchase tickets. Admission, \$10, includes savory appetizers, petite sweets, and beverages. The auction will benefit the church's programs and facilities.

The church buildings are

accessible to the handicapped via ramps off the Center Street driveway. For more information about the church, email [office@uufairhaven.org](mailto:office@uufairhaven.org), call 508-992-7081, or visit [uufairhaven.org](http://uufairhaven.org).

## Fairhaven TV

### Candidate Statements

Fairhaven Cable TV (FairhavenTV.com) has released a video of candidate statements. Each candidate was allowed a few minutes to give a message to the voters.

Find the link at FairhavenTV.com or <https://tinyurl.com/4x2ef4rh>

## Fire Pump Test

On Fri., 6/5., Dartmouth Fire Protection will be conducting a Fire Pump Test at 333 Bridge Street, Fairhaven. This test may temporarily cause discolored water and/or low pressure in areas adjacent to the test location as well as areas serviced by the same water distribution mains. Every effort will be made to minimize any inconvenience to the consumers. On the test day, consumers should check the water prior to use.

If you would like any additional information, please call the Fairhaven Water Dept. at 508-979-4032. Your understanding and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

## Car Wash

To benefit the Friends of the Fairhaven Animal Shelter and the Fairhaven Animal Shelter, Sun., 6/7, Fairhaven Fire Dept., 146 Washington St., 1-4 p.m.

## No Kings Rally

Please join us and let your voice be heard. Rise Up! Sing Out! Fairhaven Rally! Sun., 6/14, from 2-4pm in front of Fairhaven High School, along Route 6 and Main Street.

Peaceful Protest, No Kings Rally. For more information contact [fairhavendems@gmail.com](mailto:fairhavendems@gmail.com)

## Yard Sale FR

All proceeds benefit the LCpl Matthew R. Rodriguez Memorial Foundation. Sat. & Sun., 6/6 & 6/7, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rain dates 6/13 & 14. Gелette Road, Fairhaven. Donated items at 61 Gелette Road. Find them

on Facebook for updates.

Featuring books, kitchen gadgets, games, glassware, beach toys, and much more.

## SAVE THE DATES:

### St. Jos Thrift sale

"Let's Make A Deal' Thrift Sale, June 13 (8-3) and June 14 (8-12), St. Joseph's Church Spring St., Fairhaven Damien Hall

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### Fr. Day Road Race

Fairhaven Father's Day 5K Road Race, Sun., 6/21, Hastings Middle School, 30 School St., Fairhaven, 9 a.m. \$25 for adults (\$30 after June 1); \$10 children under 13 and adults 70+ (plus processing fees). No race day entry. Registration closes on Sat., 6/20, at 8 p.m.

USATF sanctioned course. All miles marked, numerous water stops.

Age groups: top three male and females in age groups; top father/daughter and father/son teams.

Cash prizes top three male and female,

Learn more, register at <https://www.fairhavenroadrace.org>

### July 4 Parade: Register NOW

Registration is officially open for "MA250: A Revolutionary Fourth." This landmark parade and ceremony, scheduled for Saturday, July 4, 2026, represents a once-in-a-generation opportunity to honor Fairhaven's unique Revolutionary War heritage alongside the 250th anniversary of American independence.

From the roar of vintage engines to the thunderous boom of Fort Phoenix's Large cannons, the town has curated a schedule that leans heavily into its deep historical roots.

In honor of the Nation's 250th birthday, the Town is seeking participants of all sizes — from neighborhood blocks and solo marchers to local businesses and large-scale floats — with the Fairhaven July 4th Celebration Team encouraging the community to put their "creativity and pride on full display" to help make the event truly legendary. Visit [DiscoverFairhaven.org](http://DiscoverFairhaven.org) to sign up

## Acushnet Cub Scouts help place flags on veterans' graves



In the week leading up to this year's Memorial Day, the Cub Scouts of Pack 51/Acushnet spent time working with members of the Acushnet VFW placing flags on the graves of veterans and learning to properly show respect to the American Flag. The Cubs also spent time learning why we honor Memorial Day and why we should be always thankful for the sacrifices of the members of our Armed Forces in keeping our country safe, secure and free. To learn more about Pack 51, find them on Facebook. ABOVE LEFT: Cub Scouts from Acushnet Pack 51 learn about flag etiquette as they help the VFW place flags on the graves of veterans last week in anticipation of Memorial Day. ABOVE RIGHT: The Cub Scouts place flags at a grave. *Photos from Cub Scout Pack 51 Acushnet Facebook page, used with permission.*

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# Candidates answer questions, make their cases to voters

By Beth David

Editor

Town of Fairhaven Government Access TV held a candidates night on Thursday, 5/28/26, in the town hall auditorium. About 35 people showed up in person, and the event ran live on Channel 97, and livestreamed on FairhavenTV.com. Wayne Oliveira a moderated, Cable TV Director, Derek Frates asked the questions.

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Five of the six Planning Board candidates participated, including: Jennifer Cardoza and Andrew Panek who are vying to fill one seat with an unexpired term; Kevin Grant (incumbent) and Mona Phillips who are vying for two full term seats; incumbent, Sharon Simmons, did not participate.

For two seats on the Select Board, all three candidates participated: Miles Grant, Pam Kuechler, Rick Trapilo.

Candidates for contested races were allowed an opening and closing statement, and they all answered the same questions.

Candidates for uncontested races had an opening statement and answered questions.

The first question for Select Board candidates asked if they supported the Proposition 2 1/2 override that will be on the same ballot.

Miles Grant and Pam Kuechler said they supported the override, Rick Trapilo said he did not.

Miles Grant said he supported the

override to support the schools. He said every community in the state is facing the same challenges because of inflation and declining state aid.

He said if we are going to stick with our shared values, the override is something we have to do.

Ms. Kuechler said the override is one of the tools the town needs to get us out of the mess we are in. She said the town needs a strong economic development plan, and she hoped the town would hire a planner/economic development director soon.

Mr. Trapilo said he does not support the override because the Finance Committee is not supporting it. He said they worked on the budget for months and voted no because of their "due diligence."

This year is the "tip of the iceberg," he said, and passing the override is just "kicking the can down the road."

The town's financial model is broken and has to be fixed, and an override will not fix it.

All three candidates said they had experience that prepared them for the role of SB member.

Miles Grant noted his time on the Planning Board and the importance of bringing in responsible growth to the town. He said he has knocked on doors and talked to hundreds of voters and they want someone who is running for the right reasons. He said he has no business interests in town and believes he can help rebuild trust in town government.

Ms. Kuechler, who served on the School Committee for many years, noted her job as Director of PACE, a nonprofit, that helps people in a variety of ways. She said she understands the role of the Select Board, and believes hiring a town planner is important. She stressed

collaboration and using a variety of methods to get the job done, saying the town needs to be strategic in how the town resources are structured.

Mr. Trapilo noted his experience as a successful corporate executive and small business owner.

He stressed more than once that the town's financial model is broken and the town needs to live within its budget, something every taxpayer has to do every day.

He also said the town needs to grow responsibly and be guided by common sense, honesty, transparency, and leadership that puts people first.

SB candidates answered six questions.

Planning board candidates answered four questions, including how to protect the town's infrastructure against ever increasing storms and coastal flooding; the role of 40B housing and the need to balance housing needs with neighborhood needs; how to preserve the town's distinct coastal character; how can the board move forward and communicate without a town planner to avoid repeating past mistakes.

Kevin Grant said he chose Fairhaven, he was not born here. And he told the story of his first day living in Fairhaven and the innocence of a young boy who approached him to use the older man's phone so the boy could call his mother so she would not worry about him.

"I was struck at how open and friendly and safe this kid felt," said Kevin Grant.

Ms. Phillips noted her time on the Zoning Board of Adjustment in small town in New Jersey. She has been involved in some environmental

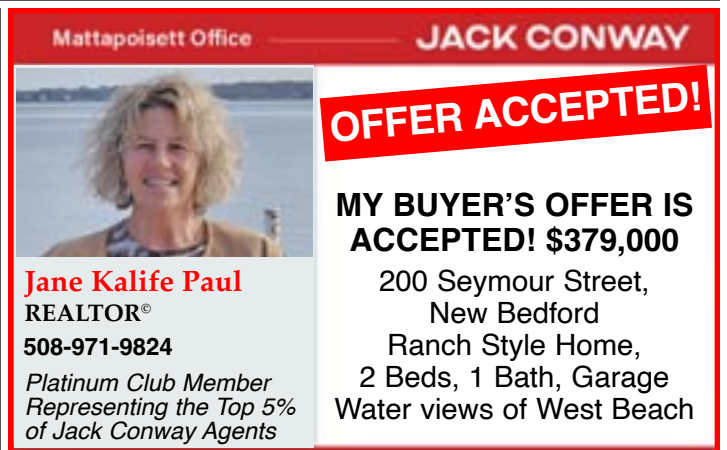
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## Mall Trips

Reservations accepted for mall trips at beginning the 15th of the prior month. There is a \$6 charge unless otherwise noted. Please bring exact amount. The van leaves the Fairhaven Senior Center promptly at 9: 6/10, Newport, RI, Thames Street; 6/17, Garden City, Cranston; 6/24, Hyannis Mall & Trader Joe's

## Movie Mondays

Popcorn, pretzels and candy are part of the movie experience. If you

would like a drink other than water, please feel free to bring your own. No alcohol. Thank you. All shows at 12:15.

Would you like to have lunch before the movie? Please call us the Thursday before the movie to reserve yourself a lunch. \$3 donation for the meal. Call 508-979-4029. The movie is free.

**June 8, 12:15 p.m. *Going in Style***  
Comedy, Crime. PG 13. Desperate to pay their bills and support their loved

ones, lifelong pals Willy Davis, Albert Gardner, and Joe Harding risk it all by robbing the bank that absconded with the pension money that they eared from working there for years.

## Join Us for Lunch

We serve lunch every weekday at 11:30 a.m. To schedule a lunch, call the day before by 10 a.m. Voluntary donation of \$3 (Please note price chance). To let us know you want to join us, and to arrange for a ride, call 508-979-4029.

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## Kool Kids Meet & Greet

Grades K-7, Recreation Staff, Fairhaven Recreation Center. Join us for a fun and friendly introduction to our Summer Program! This is a great opportunity to meet the counselors, tour the facility, and connect with fellow campers — all while enjoying a refreshing popsicle. You do not need to be registered for the summer program to attend; everyone is

welcome to see what we offer for families. It's the perfect way to kick off a great summer! Thurs. 6/4, 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM. No registration required.

## All-Abilities Fishing Derby

Join us for a fun, inclusive All-Abilities Fishing Derby on Friday, June 19th, from 12:00-3:00 PM at Hoppy's Landing in Fairhaven, MA. This event is open to all ages and abilities, designed to be welcoming,

supportive, and enjoyable for everyone — whether you're a seasoned angler or trying fishing for the first time. Participants are encouraged to bring their own fishing poles if available. A limited number of poles will be available to borrow on a first-come, first-served basis. Come enjoy a great afternoon by the water with family, friends, and the community! This event is free!

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# Recipe of the Week

## Easy BBQ RIBS

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1/2 teaspoon granulated garlic  
1 tsp fresh ground black pepper  
1/4 tsp cayenne pepper, optional  
4-5 pounds pork spareribs, St.

Louis-style, trimmed  
1 cup barbecue sauce

Mix spice rub ingredients together in a small bowl. Pat the ribs dry with paper towels, then cover both sides with the spice rub. Work the spices into the ribs by massaging the spice mix into the meat. Cut the rack(s) in half and place them in the slow-cooker vertically with the thick ends pointing down and the meaty side against the interior wall of the slow-cooker. The ribs may be too tall to fit against the wall, if this is the case then tilt them toward the sides of the slow-cooker. Cover and cook until ribs are just tender and the meat is pulling away from the bones, about 5 or 6 hours on high or 6 or 7 hours on low.

Using tongs to carefully remove the ribs to a baking sheet (meaty side up) and allow them to rest for about ten minutes.

### To grill the ribs:

While the ribs are resting, preheat the grill on high. Use tongs to transfer ribs to the grill with the meaty side facing up. While the bottom of the ribs char, cover the top meaty part with the barbecue sauce. After five minutes, carefully turn the ribs with the sauce side facing down. Brush sauce on the other side. Grill the ribs, turning one more time adding more sauce until the ribs are well charred and the sauce is caramelized (about 10-15 minutes). Remove from the grill, tent with foil, and allow ribs to rest for 15 minutes. Cut ribs in between the bones to separate. Serve with remaining sauce.

From [www.commandcooking.com](http://www.commandcooking.com)

# Dear Frankie



## Long Life Liability

Dear Frankie has expanded to videos. Find her on Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok. Search for dearfrankie dogtodogadvice.

Dear Frankie, Sixteen years of excellent health

can be a liability. Most of the friends I made at the dog park when we were puppies are no longer alive. The two pals that are left aren't in great shape and rarely come to the park.

The only time we get together is at the annual dog park fundraiser. But it's not the same; Jamie doesn't know who I am, and Myrtle can't hear, so it's hard to have a conversation.

I'm grateful for my good health and for the quiet pleasures of reading books, watching the soaps, and hanging out with my parents. But every once in a while, thoughts surface of times I was in love, hot summer days at the creek with friends, and dog parades in goofy outfits, and I long to have just one of those days back.

Clara

Dear Clara,

When we're young, we think the

dog park, the creek, our first loves, and our closest friends will always be there. We don't realize those moments quietly become memories as we live them.

Jamie forgetting who you are and Myrtle struggling to hear are painful reminders that time brings significant changes for everyone, even those who remain healthy. A long life means saying goodbye to those you held near and dear. It also means you had wonderful friends to love.

There is nothing stopping you from making friends with some of the younger dogs at the park. Many would be delighted to receive a good book recommendation, hear your thoughts on a soap opera, and have someone to listen to them.

In this day and age, getting someone's undivided attention is comparable to winning the lottery.

Best, Frankie

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# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## Kids Boat Week

The Massachusetts Marine Trades Association (MMTA) is happy to announce that "Massachusetts KIDS Boating & Fishing week" will take place from June 6 to 14, 2026. This important effort encourages and promotes youth boating and fishing events around the state. This will be the eighth year the MMTA has promoted events and timeframes. Currently there are 7 registered events participating in 2026.

New Bedford Launch Rides – June 6, 7, 13, & 14 – 10AM to 4PM – Pope's Island Marina

For more information on Mass KIDS Boating & Fishing week please visit: [www.masskidsboatingday.org](http://www.masskidsboatingday.org)

## 20th Anniversary

Looking Back & Looking Forward 2026 marks the Fishing Heritage Center's 10th anniversary and we need your help to celebrate! You are cordially invited to our 10th anniversary birthday bash happening this Thursday, June 11, during the June AHA! Night. Join us from 5pm until 8pm for a fun-filled night with activities happening inside the Center, 38 Bethel St., NB, and outside in FHC's parking lot, including live music featuring Sharks Come Cruisin, fisherpoetry performed by Moe Bowstern, cake, and more. View a full schedule on our website: <https://fishingheritagecenter.org/>

## Oysterfest

Oysterfest 2026 is happening at Cisco Brewers New Bedford this Saturday, June 6. Indulge in fresh oysters, shucked for you by the growers of some of the regions best, sip on craft beers or small batch cocktails, and enjoy live music right on the water. Best of all, ticket sales support the Fishing Heritage Center!

For link to tickets visit <https://fishingheritagecenter.org>

Ticketholders will have a two-hour window to enjoy the event, either from 12:00pm to 2:00pm or 2:30pm to 4:30pm. Tickets: \$40 Presale (plus Eventbrite fee); \$45 Day of the event (plus Eventbrite fee)

## AHA! Pride

The next AHA! Night is AHA! Pride on Thursday, June 11th! Join us for

the annual block party as Pride Month takes center stage. There will also be live music, contradance, crafts and more happening across downtown New Bedford for this special night. For schedule visit <https://ahanewbedford.org/next-aha/>

Thank you to YMCA Southcoast for sponsoring this month's AHA! Night.

## Buzzards Bay Swim

Once a year, the New Bedford Harbor shipping channel closes so that hundreds of swimmers can cross the harbor in this one-of-a-kind scenic point-to-point open water swim. Registration has opened for the 33rd annual Buzzards Bay Swim, which will take place on Saturday, June 20, beginning at Cisco Brewers Kitchen and Bar in New Bedford, go across New Bedford Harbor, and finish at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven.

Swimmers of all ages and abilities join us to navigate the 1.2-mile open water swim. At the thrilling finish, swimmers are greeted with a rollicking beach party, complete with cheering fans, a live steel drum band, pancakes cooked to order, gourmet coffee, and local beer!

Swimmers need to raise \$300 for the Buzzards Bay Coalition (\$150 for youth). Learn more at Visit <https://www.savebuzzardsbay.org>

## Mosquito Spraying

The New Bedford Health Department is partnering with the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project and the Mass. Department of Public Health on the annual mosquito monitoring program, which includes weekly ground spraying starting June 11, weather permitting. Spraying will target parks and other locations that host large public events. Every Thursday through September between 2 a.m. and sunrise, ground sprayings will take place around Buttonwood Park, Brooklawn Park, Fort Taber, Hazelwood Park, Riverside Park, Clasky Common Park, and Ashley Park, as well as Wing's Court, Custom House Square, and other areas Downtown.

Residents near targeted areas may want to close their windows in the evenings prior to sprayings. In the event of inclement weather the spraying will be moved to early Friday morning.

Residents may request ground spraying for their property by calling 508-823-5253 or faxing 508-828-1868 between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., or by emailing [RequestBristolMCP@mass.gov](mailto:RequestBristolMCP@mass.gov).

## SAVE THE DATES:

### Douglass Readathon

Join us for a powerful multilingual reading of Frederick Douglass' iconic speech, *What to the Slave is Your Fourth of July?* Presented in Wōpanāak (indigenous Wampanoag language), Portuguese, Cape Verdean Creole and English. Thurs., 6/18, 4:30–6:30 p.m., Bristol Community College, 800 Purchase St., New Bedford.

This free public event reflects the cultural richness of New Bedford today while calling us to consider the speech's enduring message of justice, equity, and freedom. Opening the event will be UMass Dartmouth Associate Dean/Director of the Frederick Douglass Unity House, Dr. Moise Saint Louis.

Refreshments will be provided by Café Arpeggio. This event is free but registration is encouraged at [Bristolcc.edu/FrederickDouglass](http://Bristolcc.edu/FrederickDouglass)

### Hetty Green

Hetty Green invites financial experts, neighbors, friends and enemies to speak with and listen to her Tea and Talk at the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, 33 William Street, at 2:pm on Sunday, June 28 . All programs offered at the NBWHP welcome the public and offer free admission.

Dr. Irene Duprey-Gutierrez, 30 year volunteer at the National Park, will discuss why Mrs. Green has been called the "witch" of Wall Street and followed with a Q and A.

Hetty was an early financial investor, especially for a woman, in the 1900s of a wild period in history. She, born and raised in Bedford Village (New Bedford), was the richest American woman.

Hetty began buying Civil War bonds which most others avoided but gained pay at 5 percent. Then she expanded with real estate, railroads and gold mines. When she died in 1916, her son and daughter inherited her \$100,000,000 to \$200,000,000 inheritance (today equal \$3,055,229,357 - \$6,110,458,715).



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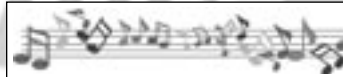
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## From our readers

### **Is Voting a Responsibility?**

*Is Local Voting a Responsibility?*

*And is your Vote Important?*

Voting is the primary way by which citizens influence collective decisions that shape community life & culture. Especially locally.

Will we be prosperous and a happy peaceful community?

The Leaders we vote for have a lot to do with how we are able to answer that question.

Will the leaders we vote for support putting equity back into the pockets of the people, and into our community, and actually know how to do that without self interest? Do they walk with the character of sincere integrity? Will they cave in weakness to a profiteers's agenda?

Voting at the local level can be more important than voting for a president on a national level, because your local government directly affects YOU, right where you live.

Has everyone noticed there's a lot of digging up of our streets past few years?

I'm sure everyone in Fairhaven is aware by now, that there's a lot going on.

Are you taking part in influencing the direction the flow is currently going in, at least by getting to know the candidates and what they stand for. And then voting for them?

Lack of voting participation, and ignorance combined, can turn a once very happy community into a very sad one.

Are you aware we have some candidates who are pushing for multiple apartment complexes all THROUGHOUT Fairhaven?

There are others who prefer we focus on Home Ownership Initiatives. Building the Quaint Family Home that is affordable.

How would you feel if right next-door to YOU, they started building an apartment complex with between 70 to 120 people in them? With rents that start out affordable, to hook you, but then come with exorbitant rental increases? What?

There are some candidates who support this idea.

Voting is the sovereign power that allows us to exercise our own conscience in choosing between what is right and best, or what could be detrimental, for our own family life, as

well as the cultural life around us. We are all affected in one way or another, by the community in which we live.

No matter how much some of us might want to mentally try, we cannot separate ourselves from the culture in which we live in. Voting helps RE-shape the culture and or preserve it.

Voting can make or break us financially on an individual and collective level.

Voting selects leaders and policies that will make laws and set priorities on your behalf.

Democracy depends on citizen involvement to function. Democracy is a form of government in which governing power is vested in the people.

Last year we had 2,300 people who voted, out of 13,456 who are registered to vote.

9,127 are registered as Independent/aka-unenrolled. Many of whom, did not vote.

Thousands of people did not vote. Which means our town is being led by a very small populous vote.

So, is voting YOUR responsibility? and is YOUR vote important?

Voting is your sovereign power.

*Michelle Costen, Fairhaven*

### **Miles Grant is Helpful Neighbor**

I'd like to take a moment to talk about Miles Grant. I met Miles in December 2025 after my mom passed away. Prior to that my parents had talked about him to me over the phone almost weekly, telling me what a good neighbor he was, since I have lived out of state for many years. They mentioned what a good cook he was, as he would often bring them a dish of what he had recently made.

He has been supportive and so helpful as he gave me his phone number and has been so friendly to my dad in his grief, being next door neighbors. This is the street I grew up on and I miss it dearly, A handful of other neighbors have been reaching out too, a beautiful community that I am very grateful for. Never could we have gotten through this without the sincere desire to be helpful that Miles and the neighbors have offered.

The blizzard that inundated the Fairhaven area this past winter was yet another instance for this beautiful community to rise up to help each other, my dad being elderly and alone

was a grateful recipient of much loving assistance from Miles and other neighbors on this little street. From bringing food to shoveling his stairs and many other things. I truly believe that Miles cares deeply about Fairhaven and is an asset to the town.

This letter is in my support of him. Even though I am unable to vote in the upcoming election, June 9, he has shown himself as an upstanding citizen of this town and I truly believe he has its best interest in mind. I have shared this with all my extended family who still resides in town, hoping they give him the vote and I sincerely hope you give him your support.

Thank you for reading,

*Holly Lewis, Acworth, GA*

### **Vote "Yes" for the Override**

Fairhaven. Our Town. A wonderful place to live, educate our children, support our first responders, teachers, public works and town employees.

We often take many of them for granted. When the blizzards come, our DPW employees scramble into service, working long hours, so we can get to work, school and get our bread, milk and lottery tickets. First responders find a way to get to their stations to help those of us in need. It may take too much time for the roads to get cleared to the pavement, but eventually, things are back to normal.

Our teachers, who love their profession, treat our children like their own, insuring a quality education. The school cafeteria staff keep the kids well fed.

Police, fire, and EMT's rush to the aid of all of us when called upon. Our dog officer is committed to helping animals in need get medical attention which eventually lead to good homes.

Fairhaven has a wonderful library, with professional staff. A senior center offering trips, lunch, movies, and many other amenities for our aging population. The Rec center is a place for children and adults to stay healthy with a fitness area, a gym for basketball, volleyball, pickleball and more. Also there are many activities for infants, grammar school, middle school and high school students. The center also offers help to working parents when school is out and they can drop the kids at the center and be confident they will be fed,

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# Fairhaven High School Top Ten Grads

Here are the top ten Fairhaven High School graduates for 2026.



1: Harrison Zheng, Harvard College, international bus. & finance



2: Emma M. Cabral, UMass Amherst, electrical engineering



3: Madeline K. Gamelin, Ohio State University, biology/pre med track



4: Emma M. Flannery, Boston College, Finance



5: Maeve E. Bradshaw, Northeastern University, Nursing



6: Hazel C. Hochella, University of Vermont, Sociology



7: Calista A. Read, University of NH, neuroscience & behavior



8: Alexander R. Hu, Northeastern University, accounting



9: Carlee J. Bissonnette, Fairfield University, nursing



10: Isabella G. Menard, Providence College, biology/pre med track



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## Congratulations Jacqueline!



Dear Jacqueline,

From dance recitals, school programs, art shows, and National Honor Society you should be so proud of all of your accomplishments. The 18 years have gone by way too fast. We couldn't be more proud of you and wish you the very best of luck as you head off to college.

Love,  
Grandma and Grandpa Ray

# Fairhaven High School Graduates 134

By Beth David  
Editor

Under sunny skies and winds to blow the mortarboards away, Fairhaven High School held its graduation on Sunday, 5/31/26, in the Alumni Stadium. The program included remarks by students and staff, presentation of the class gifts, music by the band, and playing of the class song, "Landslide," by Fleetwood Mac.

Salutatorian, Emma Cabral, told her fellow students they were talented and hardworking, and spent many hours working hard, but also manage to play games.

"Every person here contributed something valuable to our school community. And together we created memories that will stay with us forever," said Ms. Cabral, and proceeded to list some of the achievements they made.

She said the achievements reflect their hard work and dedication; and she thanked teachers and parents who guided and supported them.

She also took a minute for the graduates to recognize themselves for their hard work and dedication, noting that they spend time recognizing others.

Valedictorian, Harrison Zheng, told his fellow graduates that he did not write his speech alone (but he didn't use AI, either). He thanked family, friends, classmates and strangers for helping him through their shared experiences.

Graduation always seemed so far away, he said, but here they are, "an end to a beginning and the beginning of the rest of our lives."

He said they spent years thinking about what they would be doing next.

"Somewhere along the way, we became the people we once looked up to," said Mr. Zheng.

Seniority is not just age, he said, it is the experiences the had, running events, and becoming the role models.

Thinking about the roles of seniors made him think: "Where would we be without each other?"

He said he would not be there without his parents and sister, he learned that failing is learning, and he found confidence because of his friends.

"And I realized, without each other that we aren't going to have a legacy. And the legacy isn't your accomplishments, but your shared experiences," said Mr. Zheng. "

People will not remember details, and experiences will be stories they tell. But maybe that is the point, he said. What lasts is the people and feelings attached to an accomplishment.

"So don't fear changing or growing old. Live in the moment," said Mr. Zheng. "Embrace the people that you have yet to meet. And never stop creating experiences worth remembering because that's the journey that has brought us here."

Superintendent Tara Kohler, whose son is in the graduating class, noted that she had watched this class grow up, she knew some of them very well.

She watched as the two middle schools and the Catholic Schools converged at Fairhaven High School as freshmen. And were figuring out their



way. And they came together.

She said the unity she has seen walking around the school is a beautiful thing. It is something that cannot be replicated.

"It's truly magical when it happens," said Ms. Kohler.

In a world of uncertainty, she said, she sees a group full of hope and promise.

She said they learned to pick themselves up and to help each other, too.

Ms. Kohler said she hoped that what they learned will help guide them through the good, the bad, and everything in between.

She talked about three things: integrity, Perseverance, and ambition.

"Having integrity will always serve you well," she said, although it is not always easy.

Perseverance: they all got themselves

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TOP: Ben Cormier hangs onto his mortarboard after receiving his diploma and hearing "My baby" shouted from the stands during the Fairhaven High School Graduation ceremony on 5/31/26 held outside in alumni stadium under sunny and windy skies. ABOVE LEFT, L-R: Logan Ellis and Perter Farland take a moment to smile for the local free sheet during the ceremony. ABOVE RIGHT: Rozelyn Smith gives a double thumbs up after receiving her diploma. *Photos by Beth David.*

## GRAD: cont'd from previous page

this moment.

"This is a historic school that you're a part of," said Ms. Kohler, noting it is the 250th year of our country and this is where it all started. "You need to remember you're from a historic place."

Ambition: It's easy to do just what you need to. She said he should think about what they want their new beginning to look like.

"Keep integrity as your focus. Continue to have your perseverance, but also challenge yourself to the thing beyond what you're thinking," she said, adding that as they look at the place the will go next it is also scary.

She said there will be times when they wonder if they really belong in those challenging places. She said they will figure it out because they have the tools.

She told the story of a former student who is in a challenging pre-med program with 16 students. The instructor told the that they were all number one in their classes. One will be number 16 in this one, he told them, but you will all be called "Doctor."

She said it is the same lesson for each of them. No matter how they got there, they are all graduates now.

She also had a little fun noting that they had eight days they did not have to make up because they are seniors. She read her little message about no school, tell them tomorrow or any day at FHS.

"You are super capable," Ms. Kohler told them. "Go out there and do us proud."

Principal Andrew Kulak told them to slow down and "soak in the moment," with all the people around.

"We are all here to celebrate your incredible journey," said Mr. Kulak.

He said their time in high school was not just about passing exams. It was a front row to history, he said, and noted some things, including NASA, AI, and other technological wonders.

"The power of the human spirit can be amazing," said Mr. Kulak. "You've also been reminded of the pain, suffering that the dark side of humanity can inflict upon itself."

"The world in front of you needs your guidance," said Mr. Kulak. "In addition to witnessing history, you made some history."

He said they had to find their footing in an era of "rapid technological and cultural transformations."

The had to decide how to use AI (Artificial Intelligence) as tool or even if they should. He listed some of their accomplishments as a class.

He said their time at FHS was more than education, it was a "masterclass in perseverance, integrity, and ambition."

"You should be immensely proud of the history you have written here," he said.

Now they are in charge of their own lives, he said, with their safety net changing. No one is going to rescue them.

"That may sound terrifying, but it's actually the most liberating freedom you will ever experience," said Mr. Kulak.

There will no longer be automatic reminders to turn in homework, no more hall passes.

"Be a person of character, one who seeks what is true," said Mr. Kulak, adding that independence does not



mean isolation.

"As you continue to develop your own independence, keep empathy and kindness in your mind and in your heart. Some day you may need to be the person who steps up to help somebody else," he said.

The world is not always nice, he said, and needs people with a good moral compass, which they have. Believe in science and avoid fake news, he said.

"Go out into the world and make your presence known. Own your time, own your decisions, and own your mistakes. Because owning mistakes is another opportunity to learn and grow as a person," he said, adding that everyone in the stadium is proud of them.

"And we can't wait to see the world that you build," he said.

The program also included the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem. The ceremony is available on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rtyrPoqW180>



TOP: Anakin Medeiros pulls back his gown to reveal his Star Wars identity after receiving his diploma during the Fairhaven High School Graduation ceremony on 5/31/26 held outside in alumni stadium under sunny and windy skies. ABOVE LEFT: L-R: Aubrey Sweeney and Brenna Dugan pose for the cameras after the ceremony. ABOVE RIGHT: Students are all smiles after receiving their diplomas. Photos by Beth David.

# Obituary: Veronica J. McCarthy



## Veronica J McCarthy

Veronica J. (Sergeant) McCarthy,

80, of New Bedford passed away peacefully on Monday, May 18, 2026. She was the loving wife of the late Paul G. McCarthy and mother of the late Gregory P. McCarthy.

Born in New Bedford, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Wanda (Ozga) Sergeant. Ronnie graduated from Fairhaven High School and worked as a bank teller at various area institutions until her retirement. She was known for her love of cooking and enjoyed shopping and travel in her leisure time.

She is survived by her sister

Jacqueline Hobson (Robert) of Fairhaven, her niece Holly Lemieux (John) of Fairhaven, nephew Sean Ouimet of Santiago, California, nephew Roger Ouimet of Cary, North Carolina, and her dear friend, Jeanne Kelley of Fall River.

In accordance with her wishes she will be cremated and a graveside service will be held Thursday, June 4, 2026, at 12PM in the Riverside Cemetery, Fairhaven. Arrangements were by the Fairhaven Funeral Home. For memorial register please visit, [www.hathawayfunerals.com](http://www.hathawayfunerals.com).

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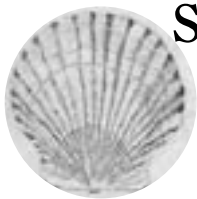
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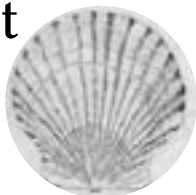
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## TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN Public Hearing Notice

Town of Fairhaven, Selectboard/  
Town Administrator's Office, 40 Center Street,  
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Notice is hereby given in accordance with provisions of Chapter 130, Section 60 of MGL as amended and Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Fairhaven Selectboard, that Stephen Doonan is transferring his Aquaculture Acreage to Matthew Loo of 42 Taber Street, Fairhaven MA 02719. Coordinates are: NE41.36°22.23'N 70.50°46.66'W, NE 41.36°22.97'N 70.50°50.02'W, NE

41.36°19.22'N 70.50°47.57'W, NE 41.36°19.85'N 70.50°50.80'W for a lease of five years.

The Public hearing with the Selectboard to be held on June 15, 2026 at 6:30 PM. Meeting agenda can be found on the Town of Fairhaven website (<https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/select-board>)

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## TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN Millicent Library Boiler Replacement Project

The Town of Fairhaven, Massachusetts, will receive bids for the Millicent Library Boiler Replacement Project located at 45 Center Street Fairhaven, MA 02719. This project includes the replacement of existing gas fired boilers and associated electrical, fire alarm and plumbing upgrades. Bid Forms and Contract Documents shall be available online June 10, 2026 at [www.biddocs.com](http://www.biddocs.com). Neither Owner nor Architect/Engineer shall be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than Bid Docs.

The Town of Fairhaven will receive General Bids no later than 2:00 PM, June 24, 2026 via [biddocs.com](http://biddocs.com). This project is being bid electronically and hard copy bids will not be accepted. A non-mandatory pre-bid walk through will be held at 10:00 AM on June 16, 2026 at Millicent Library, 45 Center Street Fairhaven, MA 02719. Attendance is strongly recommended. DCAMM certification in the category of HVAC Prime is required for general contractor. All work associated with the boiler replacement shall be completed and the system operational by September 25, 2026.

Every Bid shall be accompanied by a bid deposit, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the bid amount, in the form of a certified check; or a treasurer's check; or a cashier's check; issued by a responsible bank or trust company, made payable to the Town of Fairhaven; or a bid bond in a form satisfactory to the Town of Fairhaven, with a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. All submitted bids are the property of the Town of Fairhaven and are public record. Any bidder may withdraw their bid prior to the bid opening.

The Town reserves the right to reject any or all bids, wholly or in part, and to make awards in a manner deemed in the best interest of the Town.

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## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Monday, June 15, 2026 at 6:00pm  
Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Conservation Commission will conduct a Public Hearing pursuant to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. c. 131, § 40) and the Code of the Town of Fairhaven Chapter 192, Wetlands Bylaw. The meeting will be located at Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA. In-person attendance is permitted for the public and will be televised live on Fairhaven TV Channel 97 and [fairhaventv.com](http://fairhaventv.com). To join the meeting remotely Log on to the following:

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86953155076?pwd=VFdUQkhzdVYrNzJlQktlVi9XSzppZz09>

Meeting ID: 869 5315 5076 Passcode: 633695

Or call: 1-929-205-6099

The agenda will be posted on the Town's website at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Copies of the applications and site plans may be viewed at the Conservation Office in Town Hall, located at 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA and links to the

applications are on the Town Website under current filings.

a. CON 023-573: 14 Birchfield Street, Map 24, Lot 273 Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Diane & Eugene Perry to replace existing portion of the driveway with an additional paved area and construct 8' x 10' shed. Property falls within 100 feet to the Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW) and work to take place within 200 feet of an underground stream.

b. CON 023-574: Sandy Beach Association (located corner of Raymond Street & Sunrise Court) Request for Determination of Applicability filed by the Sandy Beach Association for maintenance repair of existing structures within their existing footprints. Project to include restoration of storm-related erosion and associated beach material. Work to take place within Coastal Beach, Coastal Dune, Coastal Bank, Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, FEMA Flood Zone VE (EI.17').

c. CON 023-575: 34 Nakata Avenue, Map 24, Lot 273 Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Donald Pires to construct a 14' x 30' garage to be placed on 8" layer of stone located ~30' from the north side of the property. Property within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, FEMA Flood Zone VE (EI.20').

d. CON 023-576, SE 023-\_\_\_\_: 115 Dogwood Street, Map 43A, Lots 258 & 260 Notice of Intent filed by Ben Reis for construction of a single-family dwelling, associated grading and septic system. Property located within 100 feet from an Isolated Vegetated Wetland (IVW).

e. CON 023-577, SE 023-\_\_\_\_: 0 Dogwood Street, Map 43A, Lots 262, 264, 266 Notice of Intent filed by Ben Reis to remove trees and vegetation to conduct a percolation test on lots within 100 feet to an IVW.

f. CON 023-578: 110 Ebony Street, Map 43A, Lot 261 Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Ben Reis to construct a single-family dwelling, with associated grading and septic system.

Brandon J. Estrella, Chair,  
Fairhaven Conservation Commission  
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## Acushnet Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

The Zoning Board of Appeals is hereby giving notice that a meeting will be held by the Board on Thursday, June 18, 2026, at 6:30 PM in the Police Station Conference Room, 64 Middle Road, Acushnet MA 02743.

• **Case #2026.03.24C** A Case of Noah Drew Gomes for property located at 0 Lambert Street, Map 18, Lot 121. The Applicant seeks a Special Permit pursuant to Sec. 3.3.1E (1) (7), to build a Single-Family Dwelling located on this non-conforming lot with a non-conforming pre-existing garage.

• **Case # 2026.06.18A** A Case of Nathan J. & Karissa E. Deree for property located at 224 Perry Hill Road, Map 8, Lot 35A. The Applicant seeks a Variance because the existing development and pork chop shape of the lot limit the practical options for the placement of the garage. A Variance is required Pursuant to Sec 3.3, C.9. (c), (3) for a proposed Garage which requires a 75 foot side line setback for a retreat lot and the proposed setback is 40.7 ft.

• **Case # 2026.06.18B** A Case of Jason LaBelle for property located at 1 Granite Drive, Map 1, Lot's 8 & 9. The Applicant seeks a Special Permit to demolish two (2) sheds and two (2) single family homes and to reconstruct two (2) single family homes. One dwelling will meet all required setbacks and the second dwelling fails to meet the street setback of 25 ft. (proposed 15 ft.). Pursuant to Sec. 3.3.1E (8) b.

\*\*\*Plans are available for public view in the Town Clerk's office, 130 Main St., Acushnet, during their normal business hours\*\*\*

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## ACUSHNET CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Acushnet Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 10, 2026 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Police Station Meeting Room,

located at 64 Middle Road, Acushnet, Massachusetts for the following Applications:

RDA

Public Hearing RDA – Jennifer & Charles Anderson, Hathaway Road, Map 14 Lots 8A, 8B & 8C.

A Request for Determination of Applicability was filed by Jennifer & Charles Anderson for property located at Hathaway Road, Map 14, Lots 8A, 8B & 8C. The Applicants request that the Conservation Commission confirm that an isolated wet area is non-jurisdictional relative to the WPA and to confirm the accuracy of 4-wetland flags of a finger-like protection which would permit site access. No actual work is proposed. The RDA was submitted by Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc.

Information may be obtained by calling the Conservation Commission office @ (508) 998-0200 or Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc. @ (508) 758-7866.

NOI

Public Hearing NOI – Brookside Realty Trust, 1094 Main Street, Map 7 Lot 15.

A Notice of Intent Application was filed by Brookside Realty Trust for property located at 1094 Main Street, Map 7, Lot 15. The Applicant proposes to construct concrete pad foundations and paved driveways and to install associated utilities for the placement of three mobile homes partially within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland and Inland Bank of an Intermittent Stream and Pond. The NOI was submitted by Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc.

Information may be obtained by calling the Conservation Commission office @ (508) 998-0200 or Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc. @ (508) 758-7866.

Stormwater Permit

Public Hearing Stormwater Permit – Frank A. & Karen L. Knox & Mendall Realty Trust, Mendall Road & Perry Hill Road, Map 9 Lots 24A & 18H.

A Stormwater Permit Application was filed by Frank A. & Karen L. Knox & Mendall Realty Trust for property located at Mendall Road & Perry Hill Road, Map 9, Lots 24A & 18H. The Applicants propose to develop four residential house lots which includes the construction of a Common Driveway. The Stormwater Permit Application was submitted by Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc.

Information may be obtained by calling the Conservation Commission office @ (508) 998-0200 or Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc. @ (508) 758-7866.

James Souza, Chair  
FNN, 6/4/26

## TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN INVITATION TO BID

TOWN HALL WEST SITE WALL RESTORATION  
FAIRHAVEN, MA

The Select Board of the Town of Fairhaven, Massachusetts, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from General Contractors for the restoration of the west site wall at the Fairhaven Town Hall located at 40 Center Street in Fairhaven, MA, in accordance with the documents prepared by architects the Spencer Preservation Group.

The scope of the work includes:

• Restoration of existing stone masonry retaining wall to include dismantling of existing and rebuilding.

General bidders must be DCAMM certified in the category "Historic Masonry" or "Historic Building". All bids must include a current DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and a signed DCAMM Update Statement. General Bidders shall have completed similar work on at least 3 buildings listed in the State Register of Historic Places within the past 5 years.

ITEM: General Bids.

BIDS DUE: June 17, 2026@ 2:00 PM

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at [www.biddocs.com](http://www.biddocs.com) (may be viewed electronically and hardcopy requested) beginning on May 27, 2026.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, on June 3, 2026 at 11:00 AM. While attendance is not mandatory, it is strongly encouraged.

All bids for this project are subject to applicable public bidding laws of Massachusetts, including G.L. c.149, §44A through 44H, as amended.

Attention is directed to the minimum wage rates to be paid as determined by the Commissioner of Labor and Industries and the weekly payroll record submittal requirements under the provisions of Massachusetts

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## Boston Pride

Boston Pride For The People is excited to announce Pride Month celebration in Boston on June 6, 2026. The celebration will include a parade, a festival, and more!

Boston Pride For The People is a volunteer-led organization that plans activities and events that celebrate the rich diversity, culture, and intersectionality of the LGBTQ+ community.

Visit <https://www.bostonprideforthepeople.org/>

## Fishing Tournament

FREE fishing tournament for kids (must be accompanied by parent or guardian), Sat., 6/6, 7 a.m. to noon, Lake Street Recreation Area, Acushnet. Featuring trophies, hot dogs.

Volunteers welcome. Bring your own poles, we will have bait.

## Old Colony revote

The Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School district has voted to hold another vote on the building project in all the towns on Sat., 6/20, from 10-6.

The district is holding a series of virtual town halls to inform residents of the project. Remaining dates are

- June 10, 7 p.m.
- June 18, 7 p.m.

Register at [tinyurl.com/OCBUILDINGPROJECT](http://tinyurl.com/OCBUILDINGPROJECT).

Learn more at [oldcolonybuildingproject.com](http://oldcolonybuildingproject.com)

## SC in the Revolution

Join the Friends of the Dartmouth Libraries on Sat., 6/6 at 2:00 p.m. to hear Jane Dugan from Old Colony History Museum discuss the important role Bristol County played in the American Revolution. Ms. Dugan will draw on the Museum's collection, which includes original manuscripts, decorative arts, and militaria, for her presentation on the impact that individuals and groups from Southeastern Massachusetts had on the War of Independence.

The presentation is sponsored in celebration of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution and will be held at Southworth Library, an accessible facility, 732 Dartmouth Street, South Dartmouth. For more information, please e-mail

[fodl.libraries@gmail.com](mailto:fodl.libraries@gmail.com).

## Our Town

*Our Town*, the Thornton Wilder play, is opening at the Marion Art Center on June 12th, 2026. Directed by Pippa Asker, the play is an exploration of everyday life, love and loss in the fictional New England town of Grover's Corners.

Told through the eyes of the omniscient Stage Manager, the play follows the daily routines of two neighboring families—the Gibbsses and the Webbs—as their children, George and Emily, grow up, fall in love and confront the passage of time. With minimal scenery and a focus on language and imagination, *Our Town* invites audiences to notice the beauty in ordinary moments—shared meals, childhood friendships, and small-town rituals—and to reflect on what it truly means to be alive. Simple in form but profound in impact, the play remains one of the most beloved works in American theater.

The show runs on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays June 12 through June 28th at the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater at 80 Pleasant St. Marion, MA. Friday and Saturday curtain is at 7:00 pm and Sunday matinee is at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$23 for MAC members and \$28 for nonmembers and can be purchased at [marionartcenter.org/events](http://marionartcenter.org/events).

## Ramps Needed

Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity (BBAHFH) is seeking metal wheelchair ramp donations for Ramp Donation Program. Ramp recipients have ranged in age from 17 to 95 years old.

Through ramp donations and purchases, BBAHFH has built an inventory that can be loaned out and installed by volunteers when needed by a family. BBAHFH is running this program throughout Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett, New Bedford, Rochester, Wareham, and Westport.

BBAHFH is currently looking for ramps to help additional families, as well as low-income applicants in need of a ramp. We are a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization; ramp donations are tax deductible per IRS code. In addition to tax deductions, donors benefit from the removal of unwanted ramps

and can feel good about helping another in need.

For more information on donating or requesting ramps, email Christine Lacourse at [BuzzardsBayAreaHabitat@yahoo.com](mailto:BuzzardsBayAreaHabitat@yahoo.com), or call (508) 758-4517.

## SAVE THE DATES:

### Duck Race

The Acushnet Lions Club will sponsor its annual Duck Race on Sat., 6/20, at the Acushnet River ending at River's End Park, 194 River Road, at 3 p.m. Proceeds go to Lions Club charities.

Tickets to adopt your duck are \$10 each. See any Acushnet Lions Club member or call Joe Costa, 774-849-2028. First place, \$1000; 2nd place, \$500; 3rd place, \$200.

### Comedy Fundraiser

SE Mass. Vets celebrate Independence, Sat., 7/18, Knights of Columbus, 57 Fairhaven Rd., Mattapoisett. Doors open at 6 p.m., dinner served at 7 p.m. Show to follow. Tickets: \$60, includes dinner by On the Go Catering, cash bar, raffles, 50/50 drawing, silent/live auctions. PG-13 18+

Sponsors: Dr. D.E. Burt, Disabled American Veterans Chapter #7, New Bedford; American Legion Post 265 Acushnet; Thomas E. Tuttle VFW Post 7239, Acushnet.

For tickets, to donate or sponsor, please visit [www.funny4funds.com/events](http://www.funny4funds.com/events). For more information, please contact Bill Comeau, 508-315-7139.

## Little Shop of Horrors

In celebration of 93 Years of Theatre By The Sea, owner and producer Bill Hanney is proud to announce the opening of the 2026 Summer Season. The season begins with one of the most popular musicals of all time, *Little Shop of Horrors*. This funny and touching creature-feature will be presented from May 28 – June 20, 2026.

Tickets are on sale at the box office Monday through Saturday from 11:00 am – 5:00 pm and performance days from 11:00 am until curtain, (performance Sundays 12 noon until curtain), online 24-hours-a-day at [www.theatrebythesea.com](http://www.theatrebythesea.com) and via telephone during normal box office hours by calling 401-782-TKTS (8587).

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activism at the state level and has worked for nonprofits.

She said knocking on doors she learned that people mistrust government and do not think town officials have residents' interest at heart. She the board does not have a monopoly on good ideas, and the town needs help from people with different perspectives.

Ms. Cardoza said she is a mom with two daughters. He goal is to make sure people feel hear and

respected. She is not running with an agenda. She wants to make sure development decisions are carefully considered.

Mr. Panek said when he moved to Fairhaven, he wanted to get involved. He spent summers here as a child

"I love this town," said Mr. Panek, and moved here as soon as he could when his wife retired from the military.

He works at PACE and led them through software change. He is a

professional contractor and wants to use his experience for the town.

Some candidates who are unopposed also participated including: Justine Frezza, running for re-election to the Board of Health; Erik Baumann running for School Committee; Michael Sherman running for an unexpired term on the School Committee.

The candidates night will run on Channel 97 until the election and is available on demand on FairhavenTV.com

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The town's website has a tax calculator for property owners to see how much the increase for their property. The average increase for a \$450,000 home would be \$72/year. Visit <https://fairhaven-ma.gov/fy2027-budget-information/>

Question #3 asks if the town should adopt a town Charter that was approved by Town Meeting last year.

The Charter clarifies the roles of the Select Board and Town Administrator; changes number of Planning Board members from eight to nine,

the number of School Committee members from six to five.

See the 5/21/26 issue for a story on the ballot questions; and Fairhaven TV.com for a video.

Visit <https://fairhaven-ma.gov/2026-election-information/> for a summary and explanation of each question.s

The town also had two candidates nights, one by the League of Women Voters (see 5/14/26 issue) and one by the town's government access TV (see page 7). Both are available on demand at [www.FairhavenTV.com](http://www.FairhavenTV.com).

Links are also on the town's website <https://fairhaven-ma.gov/2026-election-information/>

Each candidate also had the opportunity to record a statement with FairhavenTV. Find the link at FairhavenTV.com or <https://tinyurl.com/4x2ef4rh>.

Candidates also had the opportunity to submit statements to the *Neighb News*. See our 5/7 issue for the Select Board candidates; see 5/14 for Planning Board; 5/21 for School Committee; 3/26 for Board of Health.

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# Update on Fairhaven High School vandalism

By Beth David  
Editor

The School Department released a statement, including photos, with an update on pending charges against individuals who allegedly vandalized Fairhaven High School on 5/16/26 (see 5/21/26 issue). According to the initial press release from the Fairhaven Police Department on 5/19, "multiple individuals" broke into the school at 11:45 p.m. through a window and vandalized "historical woodwork on the wall and within a classroom."

On Monday, 6/1, the School Department statement said they worked with the PD and "successfully identified five suspects."

"We want to thank the Fairhaven Police Department for their collaboration and swift response to the incident," said the SD in the statement.

"Fairhaven High School is a treasure to the School Department and a source of pride to our entire town," reads the statement. "Criminal charges have been filed at the Third District Court in New Bedford.

Charges filed are breaking and entering in the nighttime and two counts of vandalizing property."

Also on 6/1, the Fairhaven PD made a Facebook post stating that they do not release the names of suspects until they have been arraigned.

"Once a case has been arraigned and becomes a matter of public record, additional information may be released consistent with Massachusetts law and department policy," reads the post.

The photos from the School Department show deep scratches and the

words "LOC" carved into the woodwork of a classroom. According to a Facebook post, "LOC" is a "football thing." According to *Neighb News* sources, it stands for "Legion of Cram," and is a term used by this year's football team, although it

is unclear exactly what it means.

According to sources, several of the suspects were FHS seniors and were not allowed to participate in Sunday's ceremony.

Fairhaven High School, also known as the "Castle on the Hill," was designed by architect Charles Brigham and was a gift to Fairhaven from town benefactor, Henry Huttleston Rogers, who made his fortune in the oil and railroad industries. The 1906 building boasts ornate woodwork, marble, Italian tile, and many other special features.



Woodwork in one of the historic classrooms of Fairhaven High School is scratched and carved up after vandals broke into the building on 5/16/26. Photo courtesy of the Fairhaven School Dept.



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The schools offer our children professionals educating and coaching sports, music, art, and a place for budding thespians.

The town is asking for our help to keep these and many other things we depend on, to keep our town a place we can be proud to belong and brag about, with an override. We all know that over the past 18 months groceries, fuel, utilities and many other necessities have increased exponentially. With our votes we can remedy this. Until then it's up to us to weather this national typhoon and protect our way of life.

Personally, I can't in good conscience jeopardize any of the aforementioned and other services we enjoy over a mere \$2 weekly sacrifice. It's such a miniscule amount to keep our wonderful town from making cuts that we depend on having.

I'm voting yes for the override and urging my fellow Fairhavenites to do the right thing to get us through this temporary storm.

*John Sullivan, Fairhaven*

### **Miles Grant is a True Friend**

My name is Jon Camara and I'm a member of the Livable Streets Committee and a volunteer with the Wood School Bike Bus. I've known Miles Grant for several years now. Miles has organized several bicycle meet up events around town and through these experiences we got to see the town from a unique perspective. Getting out on bikes and riding through town we got to see how design and current infrastructure makes for unsafe roads and neighborhoods due to cars being the main focal point. Miles truly wants

what's best for the town. He wants it safer for all, pedestrians, bikers and motorists.

Furthermore, I've come to know and understand the kind of man Miles is through the many s'mores nights he has hosted or hanging out with our kids at the pool at the Seaport Inn.

First and foremost he is a family man. He's fantastic with his kids and his pets. He's also a fantastic friend. Oftentimes a measure of a true friend is whether or not they'll help you move. Miles stepped up big time for my family and me when we moved from Cottage Street to our house behind the high school.

Therefore, because of who he is and his experience with the Planning Board and the Livable Streets Committee I believe he can help lead this town into a brighter future. I fully endorse Miles Grant for Select Board as a true friend to our family and to the town of Fairhaven.

*Jon Camara, Fairhaven*

### **Romano endorses Miles Grant, Kuechler**

I am writing today to offer my endorsement for Select Board Candidates, Miles Grant and Pam Kuechler.

I first met Miles when he was campaigning for the Planning Board. I am consistently impressed by Miles' "outside-the-box" approach to issues. I am confident Miles will be an independent thinker, and bring a unique set of skills and approach to problem solving that will benefit everyone in town.

Throughout this campaign, he has spent many days going door to door listening directly to residents' concerns. He also attended both the

Democratic and Republican Town Committee meetings to make sure he is hearing issues from all sides. During his time on the planning board, Miles has worked to restore trust in the process for residents.

Miles also challenges the way I think, which I appreciate.

Over the past year Miles has been attending Select Board meetings, and we often discuss issues that arise. I appreciate his attention to detail and his willingness to speak up when he does not agree with the outcome. Miles does not talk the talk, he lives it. Most of his campaign events have been centered around advocacy and transparency, as seen with his walks around Rogers School Property and the Timothy Hiller Subdivision.

Miles will be a major asset to the Select Board.

Pam, on the other hand, is a leader I have watched and respected for years now. I had the honor to watch closely as Pam chaired many school committee meetings, and she always led with grace and honor. Pam made sure that when issues were contentious, she was a calm voice to help guide the town through to the other side. During her tenure, Pam made VERY hard decisions. These were not decisions that benefited Pam, they benefited all of us — even to this day.

Pam has an incredible skill set with a long history of local and state advocacy. Undoubtedly, the budget is the largest concern we have going into 2027. Pam will bring not only her experience working on the school budget, but also her experience managing a \$150M budget in her role as Executive Director of PACE. Pam brings a controlled and calculated

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## Also from a reader: Angels of Wilding Street

I would like to take a moment to acknowledge my two neighbors (Brian & Lionel), who live on Wilding Street in Fairhaven.

They repeatedly help others (myself included). Whenever they see one of us needing help, they stop and give that help. Today, they are mowing lawn and trimming the hedges for a neighbor who has not been able to work in his yard.

I would love to send to each of them a big THANK YOU.

They are the angels of Wilding Street.

*Martha Gomes, Fairhaven*



## LETTERS2: cont'd from page 25

approach to problem solving. She often says that "doing the work is [her] favorite part, and for that we will all benefit.

Our Town is at a critical moment. We need leaders who are ready to make hard decisions, are ready to get creative, and are not afraid of taking a major swing. I am confident that Pam and Miles will be ready to hit the ground running and get to work with a calm, transparent, and collaborative voice. I hope you will join me in voting for them both on June 9th!

*Andrew Romano, Fairhaven*

*These views are my own, and do not reflect those of the Fairhaven Select Board.*

### **Miles and Kuechler Bring Complementary Strengths**

I write to offer my wholehearted support for Miles Grant and my dear friend Pam Kuechler for Fairhaven Select Board.

Miles is an experienced communicator and an active, committed member of our community. He is not someone who will merely appear twice a month to cast a vote, he is a doer.

Miles has shown to be a strong voice on the Planning Board. As an engaged member of the Livable Streets Committee, Miles has worked tirelessly to bring attention to safety issues on Route 6. His advocacy on this issue, particularly meaningful to me after the loss of a close family friend last year, demonstrates the care, follow-through, and practical problem-solving our town needs.

Pam Kuechler is, in my view, the most qualified candidate to run for Select Board in many years. I have known Pam for about 20 years. She leads a large, impactful nonprofit (PACE) and served on the School Committee for 15 years, eight of those as chair. Pam understands complex budgets, knows how to build consensus, and handles difficult situations with steady judgment. She is the voice of reason who finds common ground and leads effectively; our town has benefited and will benefit greatly from her leadership.

Miles and Pam bring complementary strengths: Miles' grassroots engagement and focus on safety and livability, and Pam's experience managing large organizations, budgets, and collaborative public service.

Electing them will strengthen the Select Board with practical action, thoughtful leadership, and a clear commitment to Fairhaven's well-being.

I urge you to support Miles Grant and Pam Kuechler for Fairhaven Select board on June 9.

*Stasia Powers, Fairhaven*

### **Miles Will be Excellent Addition to SB**

I am writing this letter of endorsement for Miles Grant. I believe Miles will serve with honesty, transparency, and dedication, and I am confident he will be an excellent addition to the select board.

I encourage residents to support his candidacy.

*Michael J. Silva, Fairhaven*

### **Planning Board is in Charge of Serious Stuff**

I asked our friend, Google, about the responsibilities of a municipal planning board; here is what I learned. The planning board guides municipal growth and development. It reviews and approves subdivision plans to ensure safe roads, adequate utilities and proper drainage. The board leads long-range planning efforts to address the town's future needs regarding housing, economic development, natural resources and infrastructure. Pretty serious stuff!

In his last speech from the movie "The American President", Michael Douglas says "We have serious problems to solve and we need serious people to solve them."

I can't think of three more qualified, intelligent, serious people to serve on Fairhaven's Planning Board than Kevin Grant, Andrew Panek and Mona Phillips! I encourage you to vote for them on Tuesday, June 9th.

*Cindy Johnson, Fairhaven*

### **Trapilo is What You See is What you Get**

I lived in Fairhaven for 15 years and quickly developed a fondness for this special place. With its rich history and natural beauty, the town is bursting with promise. The Select Board needs qualified leadership; someone with the vision, credentials, work ethic, and proven results to help Fairhaven truly thrive and reach its full potential. Rick Trapilo is undoubtedly that person.

The management and leadership

skills that Rick has developed through his extensive business experience have prepared him for the responsibilities and requirements of a Select Board Member. He has demonstrated his ability to produce real results in Fairhaven's local government through his short time serving on the Fairhaven Planning Board, and, most recently, through his service as Chairperson of the Atlas Tack Working Group (ATWG). In these roles, Rick has demonstrated that he's able to interact with others respectfully and professionally, leading with kindness and an open mind.

As a member of the ATWG, I have personally witnessed his tenacity, open-minded leadership style, and true commitment to the town. Rick is a skilled communicator who never failed to follow through and follow-up. Under Rick's leadership, we as a group were able to achieve great progress. After the Atlas Tack superfund site has sat idle as a public safety hazard for decades, the wheels are now in motion to see the building taken down and the property potentially redeveloped for the community's benefit.

Beyond my experience with Rick at the ATWG, I've had the pleasure of getting to know Rick on a personal level. I've learned that with Rick, what you see is what you get. He is just as uplifting, receptive, and respectful in his personal life as he is in public settings. Fairhaven is fortunate to have someone of Rick's caliber willing to serve on the Select Board. Fairhaven will undoubtedly benefit from his energy, optimism, solution-oriented mindset, and constant focus on the future.

I hope you will head to the polls on June 9th and cast your vote for Rick Trapilo in this crucial election race for Select Board.

*David Gerber, Mattapoisett*

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General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 through 27D inclusive.

Attention is further directed to the requirements of G.L. c.149, §44D requiring submission of a Division of Capital Asset Management-approved Certificate of Eligibility and Update Statement with all bids.

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Friday	5	---	1219	0504	1712
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Monday	8	0219	1451	0734	2016
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Wednesday	10	0406	1641	0925	2220
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Friday	12	0607	1833	1118*	---
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Monday	15	0838	2103	0214*	1406*

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## Upcoming Meetings

### Fairhaven

#### Board of Public Works

Mon., 6/15, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

#### Cable Advisory Comm.

Wed., 6/10, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

#### Commission on Disability

Thurs., 6/11, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

#### Conservation Comm

Mon., 6/15, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

#### Council on Aging

Tues., 6/9, Sr. Ctr., 9 a.m.

#### Economic Development

Thurs., 6/11, Town Hall, 5:30 p.m.

#### ELECTION

Tues., 6/9, Rec Ctr (All precincts)

Polls open 10-8. Story on page 3

#### Open Space & Rec Comm

Mon., 6/8, Town Hall, 11:30 a.m.

#### Planning Board

Tues., 6/16, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

#### School Committee

Wed., 6/24, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

#### Select Board

Mon., 6/8, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Acushnet

#### Board of Appeals

Thurs., 6/18, Police Station, 6:30 p.m.

#### Board of Health

Tues., 6/9, Parting Ways, 5 p.m.

#### SPECIAL ELECTION

#### Old Colony Building Vote

Sat., 6/20, Acushnet Elem., 10-6

#### TOWN MEETING

#### NOTE DATE CHANGE

Mon., 6/29, Ford MS, 7 p.m.

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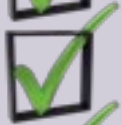
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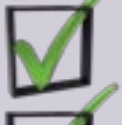
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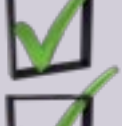
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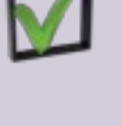
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